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For: STORAGE DEVICE CONTROL UNIT AND	)	
METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME	)	
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Attorney Docket No. HITA.0507	)	
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner		
for Patents		
Washington, D.C. 20231		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as outlined hereinbelow: